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## **CAUT Raises Concerns over York Deal with Private Think Tank**

ONCERNED about universities abandoning academic integrity, CAUT's acade mic freedom and tenure committee has recommended that censure of the administrations of York, Wilfrid Laurier and Water loo universities be initiated at the April CAUT Council meeting.

"The situation at York University is the most serious," said Len Findlay, who chairs the committee. "At issue is an agreement signed by the university which gave a donor's private think tank unprecedented powers in relation to strict ly academic matters.

The agreement reached in August 2011 between York and the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), the think tank run by former co-CEO of Research in Motion Jim Balsillie, was to create a program in inter-national law through York's Osgoode Hall Law School with 10 new chairs financed by money from the Ontario government, the university and Balsillie through CIGI.

The agreement foresaw a program to be administered by a steering committee with two voting members from the university and two from CIGI. The committee was to develop chair research areas, and establish financial terms and research expectations for each of the chairs, including their research plans, and to determine the short list of candidates from which the university would be allowed to hire

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A multi-million dollar deal York University signed recently with Jim Balsillie's Centre for International Governance Innovation for a new program in International law gives the Waterloo-based think tank say over areas in which the program's chairs will work, their research plans & who can be hired.

## L'ACPPU conteste une entente conclue entre l'Université York et un groupe de réflexion privé

RÉOCCUPÉ par la question de la renonciation à l'intégrité académique par les universités, le Comité de la liberté aca-démique et de la permanence de l'emploi l'ACPPU a recommandé au Conseil de l'ACPPU d'engager, à sa réunion d'avril, la pro-cédure de sanction contre les administrations de l'Université York, de l'Université Wilfrid-

Laurier et de l'Université de Waterloo. « C'est à York que la situation est la plus grave », a déclaré Len Findlay, président du Comité. « Le problème vient d'une entente con-clue entre l'Université et un groupe de réflexion privé d'un donateur, en vertu de laquelle l'Université accorde à ce partenaire des pouvoirs inégalés relativement à des questions d'ordre strictement académique. »

L'entente signée en août 2011 par York et le Centre pour l'innovation dans la gouvernance internationale (CIGI), groupe dirigé par Jim

Balsillie, ancien coprésident-directeur général de Research in Motion, vise la création d'un programme de droit international à l'école de droit Osgoode Hall de York, dans lequel dix nouvelles chaires seront financées conjointement par le gouvernement ontarien, l'Université et M. Balsillie, par l'entremise du CIGI.

Selon l'entente, l'administration du programme sera confiée à un comité directeur composé de deux membres votants recrutés parmi l'effectif de l'Université et de deux membres votants issus du CIGI. Le comité a le mandat de définir les domaines de recherche des chaires et d'établir les modalités financières et les attentes pour

chacune d'elles, y compris les plans de recherche. Il est également charge de dresser une liste restreinte de candidats parmi lesquels l'Univer sité devra engager son personnel.

« Non seulement le ClGI peut-il participer à

la prise de décisions sur toutes ces questions académiques, mais il détient aussi un droit de veto dans chaque cas », a soutenu M. Findlay. « Cela constitue une violation fondamentale du principe de l'intégrité académique par l'administration de l'Université, peut-être la plus grave commise par une université canadienne. »

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## **LETTERS**

#### Student surveys defended

In my opinion the commentary "Student Surveys a Poor Measure of Teaching Competence" (Bulletin, January 2012) discredits the extensive academic literature on teaching evaluations and the experience-based learning intelligence of students.

For CAUT to publish this opinion to tens of thousands of Canadian acade

mics, one would reasonably expect the authors to be experts in teaching development and experts at illuminating the interface between patients and medical doctors, who are supposed to "listen to the patient" (Osler, 1849–1919).

Instead, the proposed approach appears to be a difficult-to-implement, time-consuming-for-peers, expensive, and likely statistically-unreliable "solution" for overly-extensive summative purposes. My perspective is that greater formative emphasis is needed to improve both teaching and student learning experiences.

Further, the proposed alternative to student surveys undermines individual student experiences over many years and reduces the possible learning benefits for future students taught by the same professor.

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## TRIBUNE LIBRE

## L'UQAM en violation des normes régissant la liberté d'expression





Par MICHEL CHOSSUDOVSKY et JULIE LÉVESQUE

EN juin dernier, le Centre de recher-che sur la mondialisation (CRM) a effectué une démarche auprès de l'Université du Québec à Montrèal (UQAM). Il s'agissait de réserver une pour la tenue d'une conférence publique en date du 8 septembre por-tant sur les enjeux de la guerre et de la sécurité nationale dans l'après 11-Septembre.

La conférence constituait un événement commémoratif pour les victimes des attaques du 11-Septembre et mettait l'accent sur les crimes de guerre com-mis par les États-Unis et l'OTAN à l'endroit de l'Afghanistan (2001) et l'Irak (2003), sous le prétexte de mener, sous un mandat humanitaire, une guerre contre le terrorisme.

Le CRM avait soumis un projet dètaillé aux instances de l'UQAM avec les noms des conférenciers et les sujets

Parmi les conférenciers invités figurait Wayne Madsen, journaliste d'enquête ayant une vingtaine d'années d'expérience sur les questions de sécurité natio-nale. M. Madsen a travaillé entre autres pour l'Agence de sécurité nationale (National Security Agency) et le départe-ment d'État étasunien. Son exposé portait sur la sécurité nationale, la manipulation médiatique et le terrorisme.

Cynthia McKinney, ancien membre

(démocrate) du Congrès des États-Unis et candidate pour le Parti vert aux élections présidentielles, était aussi au programme le jour de l'èvénement. M<sup>me</sup> McKinney se penchait sur les guerres issues du 11-Septembre ainsi que sur la question des droits de la per-sonne aux États-Unis au lendemain du 11-Septembre.

Aussi comme invité, correspondant à Tripoli durant les bombardements de l'OTAN et associé de recherche du CRM,

Mahdi Darius Nazemroaya. La demande de rèservation a été refusée par le recteur de l'UQAM, Claude Corbo, en consultation avec le directeur du Service de la prévention et de la



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sécurité de l'UQAM ainsi que d'autres instances de l'Université. Après le refus de l'UQAM, la conférence-débat a eu lieu le 8 septembre 2011 au Cinéma du Parc.

Malgrè des demandes répétées, même par courrier recommandé, l'UQAM a refusé de justifier son refus par écrit. Re joint par téléphone, le chargé de projet pour la location de salle de l'UQAM a toutefois expliqué en détails au CRM que la demande avait été rejetée par le rectorat pour les raisons suivantes : en raison de la rentrée scolaire, le Service

Vue du campus central de l'UQAM.

de la prévention et de la sécurité de l'UQAM recommande de ne pas tenir cet événement, « vu le volume d'activités sur le campus, et les risques de débordement »; « Le 11-Septembre événement symbolique auquel l'UQAM ne veut pas être associée. L'université ne veut pas non plus donner l'impression qu'elle cautionne une conférence à ce sujet, d'un point de vue ou de l'autre »; et l'UQAM n'aime pas le profil d'un des conférenciers.

De toute évidence, les raisons de pré-vention et de sécurité n'étaient pas en cause et ont été invoquées uniquement pour donner une certaine légitimité aux vèritables raisons du refus : l'UQAM ne veut pas que l'on parle du 11-Septembre dans une perspective critique et nuancée dans son enceinte et refuse de laisser certaines personnes s'y ex-primer. D'emblée cette décision exclut également un débat sur les enjeux géopolitiques sous-jacents.

Les motifs évoquès par le recteur de l'UQAM constituent une violation de la

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

## **Do We Have a Pension Crisis?**



By WAYNE PETERS

ABOUT half of all pension plans at post-secondary institutions in Canada are defined benefit plans in which income on retirement is based on salary and years of service. In these, employees contribute a fixed amount while the employer pays the balance required to ensure its obligation to retirement income can be met. Another third of pension plans are in the form of defined contribution plans. In these, the employer and the employee each contribute a fixed amount to be invested for the em-ployee. The benefit is a function of the return on the investment made. Other retirement systems generally combine features from defined benefit and defined contribution plans.

Increasingly our employers maintain our pension plans are in seri-ous trouble - nothing short of a crisis - being saddled with significant deficits in funding. They see them as huge liabilities, especially the defined benefit plans or those with defined benefit elements. Consequently, covering this funding gap is often claimed to be one of the fastest growing costs on our campuses. A cost, needless to say, of the assumptions on which these

A big gap exists between how academic staff associations & employers see the pension issue.

our employers urgently want to control

Employers argue that everyone needs to act in the best interest and long-term sustainability of our pensions. This usually means they want members to contribute more to the plan, compelling them to shoulder more of the liability. They might also seek to move away from defined benefit plans to defined contribution plans, which while reducing the employer's liability and cost uncertainty, comes at a loss of pen sion security for plan members.

While it is true that many of our pension plans appear to be under-funded, it is absolutely essential that academic staff associations secure their own analyses of the situation. Our employers rely on actuarial valuations to support claims of pension crisis. However, the appropriateness assessments are built needs to be carefully scrutinized, and the contributory factors to underfunding need to be understood. So, while there may be some underfunding, the crisis should not be conceded

too quickly.

Plan deficits are products of a number of factors, some within our control and others not. The most obvious is the performance of equity markets and rates of return. Markets have not done so well over the last several years and investors need higher returns to cover lost ground. Notwithstanding this, investment management is under the control of pension plans. Accordingly, employee groups must insist on better assurance that prudent investment strategies are developed and followed.

One factor that has had a major mpact on the current levels of plan deficits, though, is the contri-bution holiday. Pension plans have not always been in deficit situations. There have been surpluses in the past when our plans were overfunded. During those times on many campuses, employers temporarily suspended their contributions. The surplus funds were used instead to pay the required contributions until the surplus dropped to a more appropriate level. In the meantime, employers were able to divert to other priorities the funds which they otherwise would have been required to pay into the plan.

At Wilfrid Laurier University, for example, the employer took a full contribution holiday from 1994 to 2002. Employees were relieved only partially from their contributions during 2000 and 2001. The funding shortfall in the pension plan at Wilfrid Laurier that resulted from these holidays was \$64.2 million by 2010, of which \$59.3 million was the employer's share.

So, while plan deficits can result from a number of factors, the contribution holidays taken in the past, primarily by our employers, have significantly affected the current levels of underfunding. These same employers now want us to pay through increased contributions for their earlier decisions. What this should confirm, however, is that employee groups must seek more control over surplus utilization. Instead of taking contribution holidays. for instance, plan benefits could be improved

It's important to remember that plan assets - and I mean the contributions paid by both employers and the employees - belong to employees. It is deferred compensation, plain and simple. We must think in terms of a comprehensive total compensation package, including salary, benefits, pension, and other programs and services, which we

negotiate in return for our employment. We agree to a pension bene-fit in lieu of higher salary earnings and should resist when employers want to claw this back.

On most campuses, employers have long asserted that pension plans are the domain of management rights and somehow outside the scope of bargaining. They know bargaining means surrendering control to the outcome of contract talks. If our employers want us to contribute more money to our pension plans then we must demand more of a say in decision making and control of the plan. The only effective way to do this, while representing our members' interests, is through collective bargaining in the context of a workplace compensation package that includes pensions.

At the end of the day, a big gap exists between how academic staff associations and employers see the pension issue. Associations often want improvements to plan benefits, which result in added costs, while employers want increased employee contributions to cover deficits. Collective bargaining at least provides assurance that offloading deficit problems onto academic staff through increased contributions won't be implemented unilaterally to fix a perceived crisis that was never of our making in the first place. ■

## LE MOT DU PRÉSIDENT

## Nos régimes de retraite sont-ils en crise?

Par WAYNE PETERS

Environ la moitié des régimes de retraite offerts au personnel des établissements d'enseignement postsecondaire au Canada entre dans la catégorie des régimes de retraite à prestations déterminées. Le revenu de retraite y est calculé en fonction du salaire ét des années de service. Chaque employè verse une cotisation fixe et l'employeur, le montant nècessaire pour atteindre le revenu de retraite préétabli auquel l'employé a droit. Le tiers des autres régimes de retraite sont des règimes à cotisations déterminées. Dans ces règimes, employé et employeur versent des cotisations fixes, qui sont placées au nom de l'employé. Le revenu de retraite dépend du rendement des placements effectués. Enfin, d'autres régimes de retraite sont des versions mixtes des deux catégories précèdentes.

Il est de plus en plus courant d'entendre nos employeurs invoquer les graves difficultés — que dire, la crise! - auxquelles font face nos régimes de retraite, aux prises avec

de lourds déficits de capitalisation. À leurs yeux, les régimes de retraite sont des obligations écrasantes, particulièrement ceux à prestations dèterminées ou ceux qui en ont certaines caractéristiques. Fidèles à leur logique, nos employeurs soutiennent souvent que le rétablisse-ment de l'équilibre financier des ré-gimes est le poste de dépenses qui croît le plus rapidement sur les campus. Un poste sur lequel, il va sans dire, ils souhaitent avoir la haute main de toute urgence.

Les employeurs déclarent que tous doivent avoir à coeur l'intérêt supérieur et la pérennité de nos régimes de retraite. En clair : les participants doivent assumer une plus grande part du fardeau de la retraite. Pour y parvenir, plusieurs formules sont possibles. On peut augmenter la cotisation des participants. Ou les employeurs peuvent remplacer le régime à prestations déterminées par un régime à cotisations déterminées, une solution qui aurait l'avantage de réduire leurs engagements et d'attènuer l'incertitude quant aux coûts du

régime. Mais pour les participants, ce serait la fin des prestations de retraite garanties.

Bon nombre de nos régimes de retraite semblent effectivement sous capitalisès, mais il importe que les associations de personnel académique se rendent compte par elles-mêmes de la situation. Nos employeurs brandissent des analyses actuarielles pour démontrer l'« état de crise » dans lequel se trouveraient, de leur point de vue, les régimes de retraite. Cependant, il faut évaluer soigneusement la pertinence des hypothèses à la base de leurs évaluations et bien comprendre les facteurs qui contribuent au manque de capitalisation. Il n'est pas question de nier que les régimes de retraite sont déficitaires, mais ne crions pas à la crise trop vite.

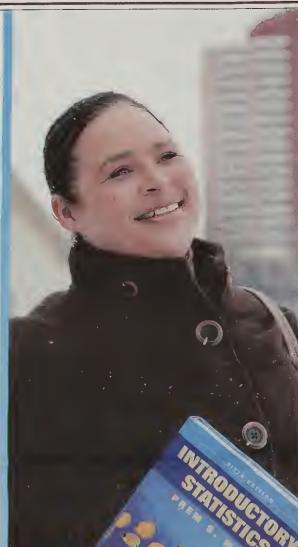
De nombreux facteurs peuvent entraîner les régimes en territoire négatif. Certains sont de notre ressort, d'autres pas. Le facteur le plus évident est sans conteste la performance des marchés boursiers. Les marchés boursiers sont malmenés depuis plusieurs années et les in-

vestisseurs doivent pouvoir compter sur des rendements plus élevés pour regagner le terrain perdu. Neanmoins, la gestion des placements est du ressort des régimes de retraite. En conséquence, les groupes d'employés doivent insister pour obtenir une meilleure assurance que la prudence dicte le choix des stratégies de placement appliquées.

Un facteur a toutefois pesè lourd dans l'actuel déséquilibre financier des régimes de retraite : les suspensions de cotisations. Les ré gimes de retraite n'ont pas toujours èté déficitaires. Il leur est même arrivė dans le passė d'avoir trop d'argent en caisse par rapport à leurs besoins. À ces moments, de nombreux établissements d'enseignement ont décidé de suspendre temporairement leurs cotisations. Ils ont puisé dans les excédents pour verser les cotisations obligatoires tant que ceux-ci n'ont pas été ramenés à un niveau plus approprie. Entretemps, ils ont pu affecter à d'autres priorités les fonds qu'ils auraient dû verser dans le

À l'Université Wilfrid-Laurier, par exemple, l'employeur a sus-pendu complètement ses cotisations de 1994 à 2002. Les employès n'ont bénéficié que d'une diminution de leurs cotisations en 2000 et 2001. Ces actions ont fait basculer le régime de retraite dans le rouge. En 2010, son déficit atteignait 64,2 millions de dollars, dont 59,3 millions de dollars étaient attribuables à l'employeur.

Par conséquent, s'il est vrai que de nombreux facteurs peuvent être à l'origine des déficits des régimes de retraite, les suspensions de cotisations passées, principale-ment celles de nos employeurs, ont grandement contribué à l'actuelle sous-capitalisation des régimes. Ces mêmes employeurs veulent maintenant augmenter nos cotisations, question de nous refiler la note de leurs décisions antérieures. Il v a là une leçon à tirer : les groupes d'employés doivent réclamer droit de regard accru sur l'utilisa-tion des excédents. Par exemple,



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## **NEWS**

#### **CAUT Raises Concerns over** York Deal with Private Think Tank

"Not only is CIGI to be given a voice in making all these academic decisions, it is given veto power on each," said Findlay. "This is a fun-damental violation of academic integrity by the university administration, perhaps the most serious we have seen at any university in Canada."

A donor's think tank or founda-tion should have no voice in a university's decision making in such areas, according to Findlay.

Osgoode Law School faculty appear to have agreed. They tried for months to get the offensive as-pects removed from the agreement, to no avail. In February the York administration abandoned plans to offer the program through the law faculty and relocated it to other

Facing growing public pressure, York and CIGI adopted a series of protocols, the last of which did remove CIGI's ability to veto who could be on the shortlist of candidates to be interviewed. Under the latest protocol, if the CIGI members of the steering committee disagree with the university representatives, the issue will be turned over to a group of outside independent scholars who have final authority over whom the university can consider. CIGI's veto power remains over determination of research areas for each chair and over the setting of research expectations and re-

search plans for each.

The concerns at Wilfrid Laurier and Waterloo involve the two universities' agreement to a governance structure for their joint Balsillie School of International Affairs (BSIA). Funded by a \$33 million donation from Balsillie, the school offers Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier graduate programs in internation

al governance and policy.

The structure calls for the school to be governed by a board on which the two universities and CIG1 each have two representatives. The board has the authority to decide which programs shall be designated BSIA academic programs, choose the senior academic who will be director of the school, have final budgetary and operational authority for the school, and decide the school's strategic research direction. Any decision of the board requires the support of at least one of the two CIGI members to pass.

"All of these should be the ex clusive domain of the universities," said Findlay. "We are setting a very dangerous precedent when we allow private donor organizations to have a role, much less a veto, in academic matters."

CAUT executive director James Turk says he hopes the academic freedom and tenure committee's concerns will lead the universities to modify their agreements to protect academic integrity.

#### L'ACPPU conteste une entente conclue entre l'Université York et un groupe de réflexion privé

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Il estime qu'un groupe de réflexion ou une fondation d'un donateur ne devrait pas avoir voix au chapitre dans les décisions que doit prendre une université dans pareils domaines.

Il appert que le corps professoral de l'école de droit Osgoode Hall a avalisė l'entente après avoir tenté, pendant plusieurs mois, d'en faire retirer les dispositions condamnables, mais sans succès. En février, l'administration de York a décidé d'offrir le programme à d'autres facultés

plutôt qu'à la faculté de droit.
Sous la pression grandissante de l'opinion publique, York et le CIGI ont adopté un ensemble de protocoles, dont le dernier en date affirme la seule autorité de l'Université dans la désignation des candidats reçus en entrevue. Il n'est plus question ici que le CIGI détienne un droit de veto à cet égard. Ce pro tocole prescrit également qu'en cas de désaccord entre les représentants du CIGI au sein du comité de direction et ceux de l'Université, un groupe de chercheurs externes indépendants soit saisi de la question et ait le dernier mot sur le choix des candidatures que l'Université peut considérer. En revanche, en ce qui a trait aux chaires, le CIGI conserve son droit de veto sur la sélection des domaines de recherche ainsi que sur la définition des attentes et des plans en matière de recherche

Par ailleurs, le Comité de la liberté académique et de la permanence de l'emploi de l'ACPPU se penche ègalement sur la structure de gouvernance de la Balsillie School of International Affairs (BSIA), qui est partenaire de l'Université Wilfrid-Laurier et de l'Université de Waterloo. Bénéficiaire d'un don de 33 millions de dollars de M. Balsillie, la BSIA offre des programmes d'études supérieures en gouvernance et politique internationales aux deux universités.

Selon la structure de gouvernance en place, la BSIA est dirigée par un conseil formé de deux r présentants de chaque université et du CIGI. Ce conseil est habilité à nommer le directeur de la BSIA et à sélectionner les programmes qui sont offerts aux deux universites, détient le pouvoir ultime concernant le budget et le fonction-nement de la BSIA et détermine son orientation stratégique en matière de recherche. Chacune de ses décisions doit être approuvée par au moins un des deux représentants du CIGI.

« Toutes ces responsabilités devraient être l'apanage des universités », a affirmé M. Findlay. « Nous créons un précédent très dangereux en attribuant aux organismes donateurs privés un rôle, et pis en-core, un droit de veto, dans les affaires académiques. »

Le directeur général de l'ACPPU, James Turk, dit espérer que les préoccupations exprimées par le Comité de la liberté académique et la permanence de l'emploi amèneront les universités à revoir leurs ententes afin de préserver l'intégrité académique.

## **NEWS ACTUALITÉS**

## **Quebec Students Take to Streets for Protest against Tuition Fee Hikes**

MORE than 100,000 Quebec students have walked out on their classes, in an ongoing protest against the government's planned 75 per cent tuition fee hike.

"75 per cent tuition fee hike.
"We're mobilizing against tuition increases because of the disastrous effects for students and our families," said Martine Desjardins, president of the Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec.

The government says it's not budging on its plan to increase tuition fees in Quebec by \$1,625 over the next five years, as part of a broader series of measures to increase funding for the province's universities.

Strike supporters argue the increase will force students to drop out, and say they're confident political pressure will keep the government from raising tuition fees.

In the event of a strike, Education Minister Line Beauchamp has asked faculty to continue offering classes for students who are not joining the protest.

But Desjardins says the minister's directive is "creating tension and confrontation" on campuses by prompting administrations to intervene in strike votes. Administrators have warned if the current semester has to be cancelled because of the walkout, CEGEPs and universities would have the challenge of accommodating a double cohort in the fall of 2012.

Students are promising the protest will continue to intensify, with more student associations organizing strike votes in the days leading up to a major demonstration in Montreal in late March, around the time the Quebec government tables its upcoming budget.

Students across the country are uniting in solidarity with their Quebec colleagues, said Roxanne Du-



Thousands of CEGEP & university students are on strike across Quebec, hoping to force the provincial government to back off plans to increase tuition fees by \$1,625 over five years.

bois, chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students.

"Tuition fees are much too high in Canada and they act as the main barrier preventing young people from pursuing their post-secondary education," she said. "Quebec should not be following the path of other provinces that have failed to provide accessible education and should instead be investing in its exemplary education system by keeping it accessible."

The Quebec student movement

The Quebec student movement boasts eight general strikes since 1968 — seven of those actions ended with successful results.

The largest student protest ever staged in Quebec history took place in February and March 2005 when the government, led by Premier Jean Charest, changed the student aid program by transforming \$103 million in grants to loans. Federations of CEGEP and university student unions called for a strike and at the height of the protest an estimated 230,000 students — over half the entire student population of Quebec — boycotted classes. With the conflict escalating, the government agreed to reinstate the bursary fuels.

sary funds. This time around, there's been almost two years of province-wide campaigning on the tuttion issue and students are determined to maintain a strong show of force demanding that fees be frozen, said Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois, a spokesperson for the protestors from Coalition large de l'Association pour une solidarité syndicale étudiante.

"The Liberal government adopted a similar attitude in 2005 and retreated after students went on strike," he told the Globe and Mail. "Over time we believe we can force the government to back down again."

#### Saskatchewan Labour Law Partially Struck down by Court

A SASKATCHEWAN court has struck down a provincial law that limited the ability of public

service employees to go on strike. In a decision released Feb. 6, Court of Queen's Bench Justice Dennis Ball found the province's new essential services legislation had "significantly deleterious effects on protected rights" under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"This is an extremely important decision for working people, not only in Saskatchewan, but for those across the country," said Larry Hubith, president of the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour, in a media release. "The charter is the highest law in Canada, and we must always be vigilant when governments propose to limit people's basic rights as Canadian citizens."

In 2008 the province's labour movement launched a charter challenge against two pieces of labour legislation — Bill 5: the Public Service Essential Services Act and Bill 6: the Trade Union Amendment Act, introduced by the newly-elected Saskatchewan Party government in December 2007.

The unions argued the laws effectively abrogated workers' freedom to organize, to bargain collectively and to strike.

Essential services legislation exists in every jurisdiction except Saskatchewan, but the unions asserted Bill 5 prohibited the right to strike by too broad a range of public service employees, lacked a dispute resolution process to address employer designations of essential service workers, and was implemented without union consultation.

Although Justice Ball found elements of Bill 5 violated the charter and declared the act invalid, he granted 12 months for the province to revise the legislation. The government said it is appealing the judge's ruling.

The second part of the judge's decision upheld Bill 6 that now changes the process for union certification in Saskatchewan.

Before the amendments to the Trade Union Act were introduced, a trade union seeking certification was required to file support cards signed by at least 25 per cent of employees within six months of the application.

The new requirements raise the minimum support level to 45 per cent, reduce the validity of support cards to three months, and makes voting on an application a mandatory secret ballot, a process unions said in affidavits filed with the court that "swings the labour relations pendulum" towards employer interests at the expense of unions and workers. They argued the provisions for certification introduced by the amendments are so onerous that they infringe on workers' freedom to organize.

Justice Ball found no infringement on the rights of workers and dismissed the unions' claim that some or all of the provisions were constitutionally invalid.

## Des cortèges d'étudiants québécois manifestent contre la hausse des frais de scolarité

PLUS de 100 000 étudiants québécois ont débrayé et déserté les cours en guise de protestation contre la hausse prévue des frais de scolarité de 75 %.

« Nous nous mobilisons contre la hausse des frais de scolarité, car celle-ci aura des impacts néfastes sur toute la société », a déclaré la présidente de la Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec, Martine Destardins.

Le gouvernement de Jean Charest se montre inflexible sur sa décision d'augmenter les frais de 1625 \$ sur les cinq prochaines années, qui s'inscrit dans le cadre de son plan général visant à augmenter le financement des universités de la province.

Les partisans de la grève soutiennent que la hausse aura pour effet d'obliger les étudiants à abandonner leurs études, mais ils se disent confiants que les pressions politiques exercées contre le gouvernement conduiront celui-ci à revenir sur sa décision.

La ministre de l'Éducation Line Beauchamp a demandé aux professeurs confrontés à la grève dans leurs établissements de continuer à donner leurs cours pour les étudiants qui ne participent pas au mouvement de contestation.

Selon M<sup>me</sup> Desjardins, la directive de la ministre instaure un climat de tension et de confrontation sur les campus en poussant les administrations à intervenir dans les grèves déclenchées au sein de leurs établissements. Les dirigeants on d'ailleurs prévenu que si la session en cours devait être annulée à cause du débrayage, les cégeps et les universités auraient à faire face à l'arrivée d'une double cohorte d'étudiants à l'automne de 2012

Les étudiants promettent de poursuivre et d'intensifier leurs actions dans la foulée desquelles les associations étudiantes seront de plus en plus nombreuses à organiser des votes de grève au cours des jours qui précéderont la tenue d'une manifestation monstre à Montréal à la fin mars, au moment où le gouvernement du Québec déposera son prochain budget. Les étudiants partout au pays sont solidaires de leurs collègues québécois, assure Roxanne Dubois, la présidente de la Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants. « Les frais de scolarité sont beau-

coup trop élevés au Canada, ce qui représente le plus important obstacle empêchant les jeunes d'entreprendre des études postsecondaires », affirme M<sup>me</sup> Dubois. « Le Québec ne devrait pas suivre l'exemple des autres provinces qui n'ont pas réussi à offrir une éducation accessible. Le Québec devrait plutôt investir dans son système exemplaire, pour qu'il demeure

accessible. »

Depuis 1968, huit grèves étudiantes générales ont eu lieu au Québec, parmi lesquelles sept ont mené à des résultats concluants.

La plus grande mobilisation étudiante de l'histoire de la province s'est tenue en février et mars 2005 lorsque le gouvernement Charest a réformé le programme d'aide financière aux étudiants en convertissant 103 millions de dollars de bourses en prêts. Les fédérations des associations étudiantes des cégeps et des universités avaient alors appelé à une grève générale, et au plus fort du mouvement quelque 230 000 étudiants, soit plus de la moitié de la population étudiante du Québec, avaient boycotté leurs cours. Face à l'escalade du conflit, le gouvernement avait fini par rétablir les fonds accordés en bourses.

Cette fois-ci, il y a près de deux ans qu'a été amorcée à l'échelle de la province la campagne de mobilisation sur le gel des frais de scolarité, et les étudiants sont déterminés à se battre jusqu'au bout pour obtenir entièrement gain de cause, a déclaré Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois, porte-parole de la Coalition large de l'Association pour une solidarité syndicale étudiante.

« Le gouvernement libéral a adopté une attitude semblable en 2005 pour finalement faire marche arrière après la grève générale des êtudiants », a t-il souligné dans une entrevue donnée au Globe and Mail. « Nous croyons qu'à terme nous ferons reculer le gouvernement encore une fois. » ■

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# La C.-B. maintient le cap sur les compressions budgétaires

I E ministre des Finances de la Co-Jombie-Britannique, Kevin Falcon, réserve de sombres perspectives aux universités et collèges de la province avec la réduction du soutien à l'éducation postsecondaire annoncée dans son budget provincial de février.

« Une semaine après que le gouvernement de l'Alberta s'est engagé à augmenter de plus de 6 % sur trois ans son appui au secteur de l'éducation postsecondaire, le gouvernement de la C.-B. annonçait une réduction cumulative de 2,2 % pour la même période », déclare David Mirhady, président de la Confederation of University Faculty Associations of British Columbia.

Le ministre Falcon a affirmé que le gouvernement mettait les universités et collèges au défi « de réduire leurs dépenses de 1 % », ajoutant qu'ils pouvaient réaliser des économies en comprimant leurs dépenses discrétionnaires, tels les déplacements et l'administration.

C'est inacceptable, selon George Davison, secrétaire-trésorier de la Federation of Post-Secondary Educators. « Le ministre des Finances met nos établissements au défi de restreindre leurs dépenses, mais ce défi s'inscrit dans une tendance qui, depuis dix ans, a mené son gouvernement à réduire de 9 % le financement réel par étudiant », souligne M. Davison.

« Ce budget va forcer nos établissements à diminuer de nouveau leurs programmes et services aux étudiants. Or, c'est un renforcement des programmes et des services qui est nécessaire, non pas une réduction comme le fait ce hudget. »

Le budget s'est également attiré les foudres de la section de la C.-B. de la Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants selon laquelle, le financement réel des universités et collèges sera amputé de 41 millions de dollars d'ici 2014

« Le plan de création d'emplois du premier ministre pour la réussite économique fait fausse route », affirme le président de la FCEE (C.-B.), Zach Crispin. « Les établissements d'enseignement postsecondaire joueront un rôle essentiel dans la formation de travailleurs qualifiés pour les emplois créés, mats le gouvernement exige que les collèges et universités fassent plus avec moins. »

Le gouvernement libéral applique sans aucun scrupule son approche de « discipline financière » qui est à son sens nécessaire pour stimuler la confiance des investisseurs internationaux et conserver la convoitée cote de crédit AAA.

Le budget provincial 2012, salué comme le budget provincial le plus conservateur au pays, prévoit également une réduction de quelque 100 millions de dollars des dépenses en capital des établissements postsecondaires.

« Le premier ministre doit faire preuve de transparence et dire aux Britanno-Colombiens qu'ils reçoivent une éducation supérieure de qualité inférieure à celle qu'ils recevaient avant les dernières élections provinciales, et que celleci se sera encore détériorée dans trois ans », soutient M. Mirhady de la CUFA-BC. ■

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## Alberta Rolls Out Spending Plan

WITH a provincial election just around the corner, Alberta's Conservative government tabled a budget in February with spending increases for all major social programs, ranging from a jump of 7.9 per cent for health spending to a 2.7 per cent rise for advanced education.

Operating grants to post-secondary institutions will increase by 2 per cent in each of the next three years, which the government says will provide some stability.

The 2012-2013 provincial budget, which brings an end to the zero per cent grant increases that Alberta post-secondary institutions have experienced for the past two years, drew mixed reaction from academic staff.

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Walter Dixon, president of the
Confederation of Alberta Faculty
Associations, said while stable, predictable funding on a three-year
cycle should enable the province's
post-secondary institutions to take
a less ad hoc approach to their
budgeting and planning, the funding deal is insufficient over the long
term.

"The fact is that our post-secondary institutions will continue to face budget gaps, and proposed belt-tightening measures such as enrolment caps, staffing cuts, and program closures are bound to have a negative impact on the accessibility and quality of the system as a whole," he said.

Alberta needs a meaningful invest-

Alberta needs a meaningful investment in post-secondary education, not funding to fill gaps in the last years' cuts, said Alberta Colleges & Institutes Faculties Association president David Hyttenrauch.

"While we appreciate the budget announcement of a 2 per cent in66

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 ACIFA president

crease for post-secondary institutions is a significant improvement over the recent years of budget freezes, it falls short of a much-needed reinvestment in Alberta post-secondary education, as there is still an existing shortage of seats, shrinkage as institutions address their budget shortfalls, and a fast-growing population," he said.

"Although post-secondary education fares somewhat better in this year's budget than the government's continuing fiscal problems might have led us to expect, the level of promised funding following an extended freeze still leaves our institutions hard-pressed to keep up with the combined effects of inflation, rising costs and enrolment growth."

The budget also earmarked almost \$500 million for student aid programs, including eliminating loan remission and implementing new grants to encourage completion and retention.

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#### Nos régimes de retraite sont-ils en crise?

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au lieu de décréter des suspensions de cotisations, pourquoi ne pas hausser les prestations de retraite grâce aux fonds supplémentaires?

Il est important de se rappeler que les actifs d'un régime de retraite — les cotisations versées par les employeurs et les employés — appartiemnent aux employés. Il s'agit d'une rémunération différée, ni plus ni moins, qui fait partie de la rémunération globale négociée en contrepartie de notre travail, c'est-à-dire le cumul du salaire, des avantages sociaux, du régime de retraite ainsi que d'autres programmes et services. Nous troquons un salaire plus

élevé contre un revenu de retraite, et nous devrions résister aux tentatives de nos employeurs pour nous retirer cet avantage.

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Sur la plupart des campus, les employeurs affirment depuis long temps que les régimes de retraite font partie des droits de la direction et sont exclus en quelque sorte du domaine de la négociation collective. Ils sont conscients du fait que dans le processus de négociation, ils ne déterminent pas l'issue des pourparlers. Toute hausse de nos cotisations devrait s'accompagner en échange d'une plus grande participation aux décisions de gestion du régime. Nous n'atteindrons cet objectif, tout en faisant valoir les in-

térêts de nos membres, qu'en négociant collectivement un modèle de rémunération qui comprend les prestations de retraite.

En définitive, la vision des régimes de retraite qu'ont les associations du personnel académique est à des années-lumière de celle des employeurs. Ce fossè occasionne des coûts supplémentaires, alors même que les employeurs veulent se décharger sur les employés de la responsabilité de remettre les régimes de retraite sur les rails. La négociation collective procure au moins l'assurance que cette solution à une crise apparente, dans laquelle nous n'avons d'ailleurs joué aucun rôle, ne sera pas mise en place unilatéralement.

## Providence ajouté aux établissements qui imposent un test de foi

Le Collège universitaire Providence, situé au sud de Winnipeg à Otterburne, Manitoba, vient d'être ajouté à la liste établie par l'ACPPU des universités et collèges qui imposent, comme condition d'embauche, l'obligation de subir un test d'obèdience idéologique ou de foi.

Cette mesure fait suite à l'enquête qu'un comité spécial créé l'an dernier a menée en vertu des procédures de l'ACPPU à suivre en cas d'allégations de violation de la liberté académique résultant d'une telle obligation.

À la lumière de leur examen des politiques et pratiques de l'établissement, le professeur Robert Chernomas de l'Université du Manitoba et le professeur émérite William Bruneau de l'Université de la Colombie-Britannique ont concluque le Collège universitaire Providence imposait de toute évidence

un test de foi.
« Toute personne embauchée comme employé [...] convient de vivre en accord avec la charte d'engagement de vie communautaire de Providence pendant toute la du-

rée de son emploi à cet établissement », peut-on lire dans le rapport d'enquête. La charte affirme entre autres principes que « Jésus-Christ est souverain sur tous les aspects de la vie universitaire et individuelle » et souligne que « l'établissement se réserve le droit d'imposer des mesures disciplinaires dans le cas d'un manquement aux obligations de

« Il n'est nullement question de mettre en cause la confession religieuse d'une université », a expliqué le directeur général de l'ACPPU, James Turk. « Il s'agit plutôt en l'occurrence de l'obligation pour les membres du corps professoral d'adhérer à une croyance religieuse particulière s'ils veulent être embauchés ou conserver leur poste. »

Le rapport d'enquête sur le Collège universitaire Providence peut être consulté sur le site web de l'ACPPU. Celle-ci a offert aux dirigeants de l'établissement la possibilité d'afficher leurs commentaires sur le rapport. El

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#### L'ABC de l'impôt sur le revenu pour le personnel académique

L'ABC est une véritable mine de renseignements qui a pour but d'aider les membres du personnel académique à mieux comprendre les exigences en matière d'impôt et de déclaration de revenus.

Disponible en ligne: www.acppu.ca/uploads/income\_tax\_primer\_fr.pdf

La saison des impôts est arrivée Le 30 avril est la date limite de production de la déclaration de revenus 2011 au Canada

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L'ABC est cependant propose a titre d'information générale. Il ne vise pas à fournir des conseils fiscaux ni un cadre à la production de la déclaration de revenus. Les particuliers sont invites à solliciter un avis professionnel pour toute question précise de nature fiscale.

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#### Osgoode Hall Law Faculty **Vote for Union**

SGOODE Hall Faculty Association members voted to unionize in a Labour Board vote following an application for cer-tification for full-time faculty at the Osgoode Hall Law School at York University.

"Members of the association value, and aim to continue, their historically constructive and colle gial relations with the university and to strengthen Osgoode Hall Law School," said Sara Slinn, a faculty member who specializes in labour law and industrial relations.

"Nonetheless, there is widespread agreement among members of the faculty that it is desirable to negotiate a more comprehensive agreement on matters which would otherwise be within the sole discretion of the university and to establish processes for dispute resolution that are available to faculty members at most other law schools in Canada."

#### **Providence** Added to **CAUT's Faith** Test List

PROVIDENCE University College, located south of Winnipeg in Otterburne, Manitoba, has been added to CAUT's list of institutions that have a faith or ideological test as a condition of employment.

The action follows an inquiry by

an ad hoc committee created last year under CAUT's Procedures in Academic Freedom Cases Involving Allegations of Requirements of an Ideological or Faith Test as a Condition of Employment.

The inquiry, conducted by Robert Chernomas of the University of Manitoba and University of British Columbia professor emeritus William Bruneau, concluded that based on a review of the institution's policies and practices, "it is clear that Providence does have a faith test."

"When someone is hired as an employee... they agree to live ac-cording to the Providence Covenant of Community Life for the duration of said engagement," said the committee's report. The Covenant stipulates an "understanding that Jesus Christ is sovereign over every aspect of corporate and individual life," and outlines that "the institution reserves the right to impose disciplinary actions in the case of failure to uphold ... the Covenant of Community Life."

"This is not about a university having a religious mission," said CAUT executive director James Turk. "It is about requiring that academic staff conform to a particular religious belief if they want to be hired or retain their jobs."

The report on Providence University College is available on the CAUT web site. CAUT has offered to post comment from the institution's administrators on the report, should they wish to submit

**BC Budget Cuts Investment in Higher Ed** 

BRITISH Columbia Finance Min-ister Kevin Falcon offered a bleak outlook for the province's universities and colleges in his February provincial budget, with re-duced funding for post-secondary

"A week after the Government of Alberta committed more than 6 per cent over the next three years to support its higher education sector, the BC Government has announced a cumulative 2.2 per cent cut over the same period," said David Mirhady, president of the Confedera-tion of University Faculty Associa-tions of British Columbia.

Falcon said the government challenges universities and colleges "to reduce spending by 1 per cent," add-ing that savings could be found by cutting discretionary spending such as travel and administration.

Not acceptable, said George Davison, secretary treasurer of the Federation of Post-Secondary Educators.

"The finance minister says he wants to challenge our institutions to spend less, but his challenge comes on top of a decade-long trend in which his government has



Government plan to reduce advanced education funding will intensify pressures already facing the province's post-secondary institutions.

already cut real per-student funding by close to 9 per cent," Davison

"This budget will only intensify the pressure on our institutions to make further cuts in program offerings and student services. We need to see both of those strengthened.

not undermined as this budget is

The budget also attracted criticism from the BC chapter of the Canadian Federation of Students, which estimates universities and colleges will see a real cut of \$41 million

"The premier's 'jobs plan' for economic success is built on thin air," said CFS-BC chairperson Zach Crispin. "Post-secondary institutions will play a critical role in prepar-ing workers for new jobs, but the government is demanding that colleges and universities do more with less."

The governing Liberals make no apology for their approach to en-suring "fiscal discipline," which they claim is necessary to assuage international investors' confidence and maintain the coveted triple-A

credit rating. The fiscal 2012 budget, lauded as the most conservative provincial budget in the country, also contained a reduction of close to \$100 million in capital spending for post-secondary institutions.

"We think the premier ought to be honest and tell British Columbians that they are receiving a low er quality of higher education today than before the last provincial election and that it will be worse still in three years," CUFA BC's Mirhady said, ■

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## L'UQAM en violation des normes régissant la liberté d'expression

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liberté d'expression protègée par la Charte canadienne des droits et libertés. En agissant de la sorte, l'UQAM a bâillonné la liberté d'expression, se trouvant ainsi en totale contradiction avec ses normes internes concernant la liberté

académique.

Dans le cadre de sa convention collective, l'UQAM s'engage à promouvoir la liberté d'expression, mais elle refuse le droit de parole à un ancien membre du Congrès des États-Unis, candidate aux présidentielles, ainsi qu'à un journaliste de renom, spécialiste de la sécurité, in-vité par les réseaux de télévision Fox, ABC, CBS, NBC, BBC (entre autres) et dont les chroniques sont publiées (entre autres) par le Miami Herald, le Houston Chronicle et l'Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

L'ènoncé de principes de l'ACPPU sur la liberté académique stipule : « Le droit à la liberté académique appartient aux membres du personnel académique et non pas à l'établissement d'enseignement. L'employeur ne peut restreindre la liberté académique pour quelque motif que ce soit, y compris toute prétention à l'autonomie de l'établissement. »

Par ailleurs, en refusant la tenue de cette conférence, le recteur a agit en dehors des normes de la collé-gialité. C'est la communauté universitaire qui devrait déterminer les normes régissant la liberté d'expression et non pas les bureaucrates agissant au nom de la communauté universitaire. Les entités représentatives du corps professoral, des étudiants et du personnel de soutien ne devraient-ils pas être consultées à propos des normes régissant la liberté d'expression sur le campus?

La décision de l'UQAM constitue

en outre une infraction de l'article 3 de la Charte des droits et libertés qui garantit « la liberté de conscience, la liberté d'opinion, la liberté d'ex-pression, la liberté de réunion pacifique et la liberté d'association. »

En septembre 2010, la tenue d'une conférence à l'UQAM portant précisément sur le 11-Septembre avait soulevé un tollé. À l'époque, Julien Toureille, directeur adjoint et cher-

cheur en résidence de l'Observatoire sur les États-Unis à la Chaire Raoul-Dandurand, avait clairement exprime son désaccord quant à la tenue de cette conférence dans les murs de l'UQAM, en qualifiant les conférenciers de « menteurs », d'« escrocs » et d'« imposteurs

L'UQAM avait décidé par la suite de réviser sa politique de location de salle afin de « mieux reflèter la mission universitaire ». Cette mission consiste-t-elle dorénavant à réprimer certains points de vue qui déplaisent à certains professeurs, « partenaires » et/ou « collabora-teurs institutionnels » de l'institution, comme ceux de la Chaire Raoul-Dandurand, soit le ministère de la Défense nationale du Canada, Power Corporation et le Consulat général des États-Unis à Montréal?

Chose certaine, cet incident représente un dangereux précèdent pour la liberté d'expression à l'UQAM, voire au Québec. À titre de comparaison, l'Université Ryerson de Toronto a tenu quatre jours d'audience sur le 11-Septembre du

8 au 11 septembre 2011 et où les conférenciers boudes par l'UQAM ont pu s'exprimer librement.

Michel Chossudovsky est directeur du Centre de recherche sur la mondiali-sation à Montréal et professeur émérite de science économique à l'Université d'Ottawa.

Julie Lévesque est journaliste et cher-cheure au Centre de recherche sur la mondialisation.

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## **CAUT COUNCIL CONSEIL DE L'ACPPU**

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## **Inquiry Launched** after Complaints at **Guelph Vet College**

AUT has established an ad hoc Cinvestigatory committee to examine a series of allegations at the University of Guelph's Ontario Veterinary Ćollege.

The members of the committee are Claire Card, a professor of theriogenology in the large animal clinical sciences office at the University of Saskatchewan's Western Veterinary College and Paul Handford, professor emeritus of biology at the University of West-

In a letter to U of G president Alastair Summerlee, CAUT executive director James Turk advised the committee's terms of reference were to investigate allegations of improper procedural practices in investigations of faculty members' behaviour, inappropriate practices in ulty and veterinarians by the OVC administration, refusal to recognize the teaching done by veterinarians, and failure to hire any continuing appointments in the teaching hospital since the first collective agreement was signed in 2008.

The committee will determine if there is any validity to any of the allegations and, if so, make recommendations to remedy the situation. Its first visit to the campus will take place March 26-27.

The committee will submit its report to CAUT later this year. CAUT will then meet with the parties to discuss the report and explore implementation of any recommendations.

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## Demi-victoire dans la bataille sur la constitutionnalité des lois

N tribunal de la Saskatchewan Vient d'invalider une loi pro-vinciale qui avait pour effet de li-miter le droit de grève de certains fonctionnaires

Dans une décision rendue le 6 fèvrier, le juge Dennis Ball, de la Cour du Banc de la Reine, a con-clu que la nouvelle loi sur les services essentiels adoptée par le gouvernement provincial portait un préjudice grave aux droits protégés par la Charte canadienne des droits

« Cette décision est capitale pour les travailleurs, et pas seulement pour les travailleurs de la Saskatchewan, mais pour tous les travailleurs canadiens », a déclare dans un communique de presse Larry Hubich, président de la Fédération du travail de la Saskatchewan. « La Charte des droits et libertés est la loi suprême au Canada, et nous devons toujours faire preuve de vigilance quand les gouvernements proposent de limiter les droits fondamentaux des citoyens canadiens. »

En 2008, le mouvement syndical de la province avait engagé une bataille judiciaire contre le gouverne-ment du Saskatchewan Party qui, en décembre 2007, soit peu de temps après son arrivée au pouvoir, avait adopté deux lois sur les relations du travail. Au banc des accusés : la Public Service Essential Services Act (l'ancien projet de loi 5) et la Trade Union Amendment Act (l'ancien pro-

jet de loi 6). Les syndicats soutenaient que, dans les faits, ces lois abolissaient la liberté d'association, le droit à la libre négociation collective et le droit de grève des travailleurs, in-scrits dans la Charte.

Des lois sur les services essentiels sont en vigueur partout, sauf en Saskatchewan. Toutefois, selon les syndicats, l'ancien projet de loi 5 retirait le droit de grève à un trop large éventail de fonctionnaires, ne prévoyait aucun mécanisme de rèla designation par les employeurs des employés jugés essentiels et avait été mis en application sans aucune consultation des syndicats.

Le juge, fassant valoir que la loi sur les services essentiels violait la Charte à certains égards, l'a invalidée. Toutefois, il a accordé 12 mois au gouvernement provincial pour la revoir. Le gouvernement a torquè en interjetant appel de la décision.

Dans la deuxième partie de sa décision, le juge a affirmé la constitutionnalité de l'ancien projet de loi 6, qui a transformé le processus d'accréditation syndicale en Saskatchewan,

Avant la révision de la Trade Union Act, un syndicat devait, dans les six mois suivant sa demande d'accréditation, déposer des cartes d'adhésion signées par au moins

25 % des employès. En vertu des nouvelles exigences, le pourcentage d'appui minimal requis est fixè à 45 % et la durée de validité des cartes d'adhésion signées est limitée à trois mois. En outre, l'accréditation d'un syndicat doit être approuvée par un vote pris au scrutin secret.

Dans des affidavits déposés à la Cour, les syndicats ont avancé que ce nouveau processus donnait aux employeurs « le gros bout du bâton » en consacrant la primauté de leurs intérêts sur ceux des syndicats et des travailleurs. Ils ont soutenu que les modifications touchant l'accréditation syndicale imposaient des contraintes telles qu'elles empiétaient sur la liberté d'associa-

tion des travailleurs. Le juge Ball n'a pas accueilli les arguments des syndicats sur ce point, ni sur la présumée inconstitutionnalité de certaines dispositions, voire de toutes les dispositions, de la Trade Union Act. ■

English on page A5.

#### **CAUT Hires New IT Systems Technician**



AUT has hired Sadiya Abdulrahim as IT Systems Technician. In this newly-created position, she will assist in the development and delivery of the organization's IT programs and information for its 66,000 members and staffed

Sadiya joins CAUT from Ottawabased R.É. Gilmore Investments Corp, where she worked first as computer systems analyst, then as IT product support analyst. She previously worked for Telus Mobi-lity and at Citizenship and Immi-gration Canada following her graduation from Algonquin College in 2004 with a diploma in information technology as an enterprise network specialist.

#### Un nouveau membre se joint à l'équipe des SI de l'ACPPU

ACPPU vient de recruter Sadiya Abdulrahim au nouveau poste de technicienne en systèmes d'information (SI). Elle contribuera à ce titre au développement et à l'exècution des programmes de TI et des services d'information que l'organisation offre à ses 66 000 membres et au personnel de son

Sadiya travaillait auparavant pour la société R.E. Gilmore Investments Corp. d'Ottawa, où elle a occupé dans un premier temps le poste d'analyste en information puis celui d'analyste en assistance technique. Après avoir reçu son diplôme en technologie de l'information du Collège Algonquin en 2004, elle a assumé les fonctions de spécialiste en réseau d'entreprise à TELUS Mobilité et à Citoyenneté et Immigration Canada.



## **NEWS ACTUALITÉS**

# L'Alberta présente son plan de dépenses

EN février, à la veille du déclenchement des élections provinciales, le gouvernement conservateur de l'Alberta a déposé un budget comportant des investissements supplémentaires dans tous les principaux programmes sociaux. Le pourcentage de croissance des dépenses variera selon les secteurs, passant d'un phénoménal 7,9 % en santé à 2,7 % dans le secteur de l'éducation postsecondaire.

En haussant de 2% les subventions de fonctionnement des établissements d'enseignement postsecondaire pour chacune des trois prochaines années, le gouvernement entend leur apporter une certaine stabilité financière.

Le budget 2012-2013 de la province met un terme à la stagnation des subventions de fonctionnement qui frappe les établissements postsecondaires en Alberta depuis deux ans. Néanmoins, il a été accueilli avec une certaine ambivalence par le milieu académique.

Walter Dixon, président de la Confederation of Alberta Faculty Associations, a déclaré que ce financement triennal stable et prévisible devrait certes permettre aux établissements postsecondaires d'établir des budgets et des plans moins tributaires de la conjoncture du moment, mais qu'il est insuffisant à long terme.

« Il n'en demeure pas moins que les établissements d'enseignement postsecondaire continueront d'enregistrer des déficis budgétaires, et que les mesures d'austérité proposées, comme le plafonnement des inscriptions, les réductions de personnel et l'annulation de programmes, compromettront inévitablement l'accessibilité et la qualité du système tout entier », a-til ajouté. Pour le président de l'Alberta Colleges & Institutes Faculties Association, David Hyttenrauch, c'est d'un investissement important dans l'éducation postsecondaire dont l'Alberta a besoin, pas d'un financement pour pallier les compressions des deux dernières années.

« Nous reconnaissons que l'annonce d'une augmentation de 2 % des sommes allouées aux établissements postsecondaires est une excellente nouvelle, si l'on considère les gels budgétaires des dernières années. Toutefois, cette augmentation n'est pas à la hauteur du réinvestissement dont a grandement besoin l'éducation postsecondaire en Alberta pour faire face au manque actuel de places, à la diminution des services dans la foulée des déficits budgétaires et à la croissance rapide de la population », a-t-il affirmé.

« Même si, dans ce budget, l'éducation postsecondaire s'en tire un peu mieux que ce à quoi nous aurions pu nous attendre compte tenu des difficultés budgétaires persistantes du gouvernement, le rattrapage promis, parce qu'il fait suite au gel prolongé du financement, ne soulagera pas les établissements de la pression qu'exercent sur elles les effets combinés de la croissance des prix, des coûts et des inscriptions. »

Du côté des étudiants, le budget comprend plusieurs dispositions comme l'affectation de près de 500 millions de dollars aux programmes d'aide aux étudiants, l'élimination du programme de remise de dette et la création de nouvelles bourses en vue d'encourager les étudiants à terminer leurs études et à demeurer dans la province.

English on page A6.

# **Boycott Leads to Withdrawal** of US Bill Banning Open Access

ONE mathematician's boycott of megapublisher Elsevier has fueled enough momentum to end a U.S. bill aimed at banning open access policies.

Cambridge professor Timothy Gowers launched his personal boycott of the scientific publisher in a blog post Jan. 21, protesting the company's "exorbitantly high prices" and its support for the Research Works Act, which would have curbed public access to research results from work funded by federal agencies such as the U.S. National Institutes of Health.

Within weeks, more than 8,000 researchers around the world followed Gowers' lead and publicly pledged to refrain from publishing, refereeing or undertaking editorial work for any Elsevier-owned journals, "unless they radically change how they operate."

The major grievances outlined in the "Cost of Knowledge" boy-cott are the rising costs of journal subscriptions; Elsevier's business practice of forcing academic libraries to purchase bundles of journals they don't want in order to avoid paying the exorbitant list prices for the ones they need; and the company's lobbying efforts for proposed laws that would limit the free exchange of information such as the Stop Online Piracy Act, the Protect Intellectual Property Act, and the now dropped Research Works Act

On Feb. 27, Elsevier responded to the swell of mobilization from scholars by announcing its withdrawal of support for the controversial Research Works legislation, citing concerns over inconsistency with Elsevier's "long-standing support for expanding options for free and low-cost public access to scholarly literature."

Later that same day the bill was withdrawn.

David Fewer, director of the Canadian Internet Policy and Public Interest Clinic at the University of Ottawa, says the withdrawal of the bill is "a welcome rejection to a market power trying to flex power," adding the Research Works Act was "inconsistent with academic freedom and freedom of expression."

"One the one hand, it is pleasing to see the academic community come together in such a way," said Fewer. "However, it bothers me that academics had to stage a boycott to be heard."



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Elsevier, which publishes more than 20,000 products and services, including textbooks and high-impact journals like The Lancet, may have pulled its support for the Research Works Act, but it still pledges to "continue to join with those many other nonprofit and commercial publishers and scholarly societies that oppose repeated efforts to extend mandates through legislation."

Because of this, academics plan to continue to boycott the publishing giant and rally support for a counterbill now before both the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate—the Federal Research Public Access Act—which would require "federal agencies with an extramural research budget of \$100 million or more to make federally-funded research available for free online access by the general public, no later than six months after publication in a peer-reviewed journal."

No overarching open access policy or legislation currently exists for Canada's research granting

Guiding principles on open access drafted by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council and the Canadian Institutes for Health Research state; "Publicly funded research should be as accessible as possible in order to maximize the economic, social, cultural and health benefits for Canadians."

Since 2008, the Canadian Institutes for Health Research requires funding recipients to "ensure that all research papers generated from CIHR funded projects are freely accessible through the publisher's website or an online repository within six months of publication."

But a 2011 brief on open access publication by the trigranting agencies recommends continued support of infrastructure, such as institutional repositories, to promote the availability of peer-reviewed scholarly research.

Should Canadians be concerned about the battle over U.S. attempts to impose restrictions on tax-payer-funded research?

Fewer says it's possible the substance of U.S. laws could manifest in Canada.

"There's no limit to the shame of rights holders in demanding longer and stronger rights for themselves while limiting users' rights to access public research," he said. "But I have faith our legislators will see this type of rent-seeking behaviour for what it is."

## Plaintes portées contre un collège vétérinaire

L'acPPU a confié à un comité spécial le mandat d'enquéter sur une série d'allégations portées contre le Collège vétérinaire de l'Ontario (OVC) de l'Université de Guelph. Le comité d'enquête est composé

de Claire Card, professeure de thériogénologie au département des sciences cliniques des grands animaux du Collège de médecine étérinaire Western de l'Université de la Saskatchewan, et de Paul Handford, professeur émérite de biologie à l'Université de Western Ontario.

Le directeur général de l'ACPPU, James Turk, a informé dans une lettre le recteur de l'Université de Guelph, Alastair Summerlee, que le comité est investi du mandat d'enquêter sur diverses allègations : procédures d'enquête inappropriées menées à l'égard de la conduite de membres du corps professoral; pratiques inadéquates relatives aux décistons d'embauche; actes d'intimidation que l'administration de l'OVC aurait exercés contre des professeurs et des vétérinaires; refus de reconnaitre l'enseignement dispensé par des vétérinaires; nonembauche d'effectifs permanents



Le Collège vétérinaire de l'Ontario, à Guelph, fait l'objet d'une enquête.

à l'hôpital universitaire depuis la signature de la convention collective en 2008.

Le comité sera chargé de vérifier la validité de toutes ces allégations et, dans les cas où elle sera établie, de formuler des recommandations en vue de remèdier aux manquements constatés. Il effectuera sa première visite sur le campus les 26 et 27 mars. ■

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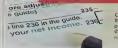


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#### Opportunity at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine Heart and Stroke Foundation Chair in Aboriginal and Rural Health

The Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM), in partnership with The Heart and Stroke Foundation (HSF), is invitting exceptional clinical scholars to apply for the new position of Heart and Stroke Foundation Chair in Abonginal and Rural Health at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. The Faculty appointment will be at NOSM and an affiliated health services provider. The Chair appointment will be situated anywhere in Northern Ontario for a five year term and renewable.

Environment
The Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) is the first medical school to open in Canada in over 35 years. Since its official opening in 2005, the School has developed and delivered a distinctive model of distributed, community-engaged, and socially accountable medical education and research. NOSM has campuses at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay and Laumentain University in Sudbury, with teaching and research sites across Northern Ontario. NOSM is a made-in-the-North solution that is attracting attention from around the world for its innovative model. In just five years, NOSM has become a world leader in community-engaged medical education and research, while staying true to its social accountability mandate of contributing to improving the health of the people and communities of Northern Ontario.

#### Responsibilities

- Focus on the field of Cardio and Cerebrovascular Oisease (CCVO) in Aboriginal and Rural Communities, addressing scientific uncertainty and scientific advancement;
- Lead activities promoting knowledge transfer and exchange through initiatives such as provincial (and potentially national) meetings and forums;
- Integrate with other Aboriginal and Rural Research Units in Ontario and across Canada to establish virtual collaborative research networks;
- Support efforts to establish mentorship/networking vehicles within Ontario (and potentially Canada), as a means of building capacity in CCVO population health research; and, undertake the responsibilities of a faculty member of NOSM with a reduced workload in the areas of teaching and service;
- Undertake externally-funded innovative research; and,
- Establish and nurture a collaborative research relationship with Aboriginal organizations in Ontairo. Devote at least 75% of time to heart or stroke research in Aboriginal or rural populations. The remainder of the time will be an opportunity for patient care and clinical teaching.

The Chair shall provide leadership and promote a shared vision across a large geographic area with diverse user populations and have the ability to work consultatively and collaboratively with students, faculty, university and hospital administrators, government officials, Aboriginal Oganizations, and the

Qualifications .

The candidate must hold an MQ, be eligible for a licence to practice medicine in Ontarlo, and must satisfy the criteria for appointment to the Associate or Professor rank. The successful candidate will have a full time position at NOSM at the time of taking up the Chair or have an offer of a full-time appointment at NOSM. NOSM will consider applications from candidates at different caseer stages, Perference will be given to applicants who have experience with research in Aboriginal and/or rural health. French/Aboriginal language skills would be an asset.

Innovative Education and Research for a Healthier North. | www.nosm.ca

#### For more information, please visit:

#### Application Procedure

Review of applications will begin March 19, 2012 and will continue until the position is filled. A letter of application accompanied by a current curriculum vitae, the names and contact information for three references

138 South May Street, Suite 5 Thunder Bay, ON P7F 183

#### Contact Information Should you want to learn more about this unique leadership opportunity, please call Or. Greg Ross, NOSM Associate Oean, Research at 705-662-7218,





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National Défense Defence nationale

#### **Full-Time One Year Appointments**

Department of Defence Studies Royal Military College of Canada

The Royal Military College of Canada (RMCC), a co-educational and bilingual university, invites applications for two full—lime, one-year-long appointments, one to teach in English and fore to teach in English and french, at the Assistant Professor, or higher, level. The RMCC Department of Defence Studies is located in Toronto at the Canadian Forces College, a military staff college.

The required qualifications are: a PhD with a concentration in Security and Defence Studies, acceptable graduale-level leaching experience and an acceptable research programme. Candidales with foreign educational cre-dentials are required to provide proof of Canadian equivalency. The Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials at <a href="https://www.cicic.ca">www.cicic.ca</a> should be consulted.

The successful candidates will teach graduate students in English and in English and French and will participate in their development and supervi-sion. In addition, the candidates must maintain an active research program

The expected start date for the appointments is July 3, 2012. The salary levels will be appropriate to the qualifications and experience of the successful applicants.

Interested candidates should forward their curriculum vitae, evidence of teaching ability, a summary of research interests, samples of publications and the names and contact details of three references to:

Deanna Keenan - Human Resources Assistant Process Number: Anticipatory Royal Mittary College of Canada P.O. Box 17000, Sin Forces Kingston, ON, KTK 784 Email: resume.kingston@forces.gc.ca

The closing date for applications is April 30, 2012.



#### Postes à temps plein d'une durée d'un an

Département des études de la défense Collège militaire royal du Canada

Le Collége militaire royal du Canada (CMRC), une université bilingue et coèducative, invite les personnes intéressées à soumettre leur candidature pour deux postes à lemps plein d'une durée d'un an, une personne pour enseigner en anglais et une personne pour enseigner en anglais et français, comme professeur adjoint ou à un niveau supérieur approprié. Le Département des études de la défense du CMRC se trouve à Toronto au Collége des Forces canadiennes, un établissement d'éducation militaire.

Les candidals doivent satisfaire aux exigences suivantes : détenir un doctorat avec con-centration en études de la sécurité et de la défense et avoir de l'expérience acceptable en enseignement au niveau des cycles supéneurs et un programme de recherche acceptable. Les candidals avec diplômes étrangers devront fournir une preuve d'équiv-alence canadienne. Pour se faire, consulter le Centre d'information canadien sur les diplômes internationaux au : <a href="https://www.cici.e.ea">www.cici.e.ea</a>

Les candidats sélectionnés enseigneront en anglais et en anglais et français au niveau des cycles supérieurs el participeront au développement et à la supervision des étudi-ants. De plus, ils devront maintenir un programme de recherche actif compatible avec les domaines actuels de recherche au sein du Département des études de la défense.

La date anticipée d'entrée en fonction est le 3 juillet 2012. Le niveau des salaires seront attribués selon les qualifications et l'expérience des candidats sélectionnés.

Les personnes intéressées doivent faire parvenir leur curriculum vitae, une preuve de leur capacité à enseigner, un sommaire de teurs intérêts de recherche, des échantillons de leurs publications et les noms et coordonnées de trols références à l'adresse suiv-ante:

Deanna Keenan - Adjointe en ressources humaines Numéro du processus : Anticipatoire Collége militaire royal du Canada C.P. 17000, succ. Forces Kingston (Ontano) K7K 7B4 Kingston (Ontano) N/N / D= Courriel : resume.kingston@forces.gc.ca

La période de candidatures prend fin le 30 avril 2012.



## CAREERS CARRIÈRES

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#### **Full-Time Tenure Track Position** SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

The School of Social Work, Renison University College, University of Waterloo, invites applications for one tenuer track position at the rank of Associate Professor. The appointment will begin on July 1, 2012. We are seeking candidates with demonstrated competency in teaching social work, commitment to master and baccalcureate level education, experience with online teaching and course development, and an established publication record and program of research.

QUALIFICATIONS: A doctorate in social work or related field is required; if doctorate degree is not in social work, an MSW degree is required; demonstrated excellence in teaching and research; at least five year's social work practice experience; and an established research program. Preference will be given to candidates with specializations in mental health and health, social work practice, and significant experience with online education.

Renison University College offers programs and courses leading to the Bachelor of Arts, Honours Bachelor of Social Work and Master of Social Work degrees. All degrees are awarded by the University of Waterloo. The MSW is Canada's first health-focused online Master of Social Work program and is being offered in collaboration with the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences at the University of Waterloo.

The School of Social Work is committed to providing professional undergraduate and graduate education within a mission that promotes social justice and community service. The post-BA, Honours BSW program prepares generalist social workers to work at all systems levels. The MSW program provides students with knowledge and skills in advanced social work practice within a focus on health, research/scholarship. professional leadership, and social work supervision. Full-time and part-time programs of study are

Applications, including complete curriculum vitae, a statement of teaching philosophy, teaching portfolio, a sample of an online course or module developed by the applicant, and a brief outline of current and proposed program of research should be directed to:

Or. Ellen Sue Mesbur, Director School of Social Work, Renison University College 240 Westmount Road North, Waterloo, Ontario, N2L 3G4

Applicants should also ask three referees to write letters directly to Dr. Mesbur. Review of applications will begin on April 1, 2012 and continue until the position is filled.

For more information about the School of Social Work please visit our website at: http://www.renison.uwaterioo.ca/social-work/index.shtml.

Faculty members at Renison are direct employees of the College but participate in the University of Waterloo pension and benefits plans. In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, this advertisement is directed in tits Instance to Canadian citizens and parameterisdients. The School of Social Work is strongly committed to equity in employment and encourages applications from all qualified persons



#### FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

#### Canada Research Chairs (Tier II)

The Faculty of Engineering at Dalhousic University in Halifax, NS, invites applications from outstanding candidates for three Canada Research Chairs (Tier 2) in the areas of Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure and Water Technologies. Appointment to a faculty position will be conditional on candidates' approval through the CRC program review process. Eligibility criteria and CRC program information can be found at www.chairs.chaires.gc.ca. The successful candidates will be offered tenure stream appointments at the rank of Associate Professor with a start date of January 2013 or later.

### Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure SEARCH No. 1963 / Department of Civil and Resource Engineering

In collaboration with Dalhousie's Centre for Innovation in Infrastructure (CII), the Department of Civil and Resource Engineering is focusin contationation with Database's centre for innovation in infrastructure. Unit, the Department of Crist and Resource Engineering is focusing on the needs of Canada's aging and deteriorating public infrastructure. The Chair will be expected to collaborate with other researchers to develop world-class exportise in one or more of infrastructure evaluation and assessment including payements and bridge decks, characterization and damage modelling of novel materials and systems for transportation infrastructure sustainability in bridge and pavement materials, and, the development of performance-based life-cycle criteria for pavement and transportation structure design, rehabilitation and recycling. Preference will be given to applicants whose research includes substantial focus on non-destructive testing and evaluation techniques and in-situ material and structural performance characterization.

#### Water Technology

SEARCH No. 1971 / Department of Process Engineering and Applied Science

#### Water Technology

SEARCH No. 1972 / Department of Civil and Resource Engineering

The Departments of Civil and Resource Engineering, and Process Engineering and Applied Science, in collaboration with Dalhousie's Centre for Water Resources Studies (CWRS), have research strength in drinking water quality, watershed management and treatment technologies. On the CWRS, the Chairs will be expected to collaborate with other researchers to develop word-class expertise in water technologies. Candidates with the control of the c Northern and Arctic regions, are encouraged to apply.

Applicants should have a well-established research record and demonstrated ability to conduct independent scholarly research. Chairs will be expected to establish a strong, externally-funded research program and to teach both undergraduate and graduate courses. Candidates must have earned a PID in Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering or a related field and should be eligible for registration as a Professional Federate in New Jones in New Jones and Professional Federate in New Jones in New Jones and Professional Federate Inches and Professional Federate Inches Inc fessional Engineer in Nova Scotia

Interested individuals should reference the search number(s) and submit a single PDF file containing a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and a statement of teaching and research interests to:
Chair of the Search Committee
Department of Civil and Resource Engineering
P.O. Box 15000, Halifax, NS B3J 4R2 CANADA
Civil.Office@dal.ca

Three signed letters of reference should be sent directly by referees to the same e-mail address. Review of applications will commence March 1, 2012 and continue until the positions are fulled.

Dalhousic University is an Employment Equity/Affirmative Action employer. The University encourages applications from qualified Abonginal people, persons with disabilities, racially visible persons, and women.

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#### Director, Institutional Analysis and Planning

Located at the centre of Canada's Niagara Peninsula in St. Catharines, Ontario, Brock University is one of a select few Canadian universities with the distinction of being part of an UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. With nearly 600 full-time faculty members, the University offers strong undergraduate, graduate and interdisciplinary degree programs that include co-op and other experiential learning opportunities to a student population of more than 18,000. Along with other capital expansion projects taking place, the Cairns Family Health and Bioscience Research Complex will open later this year and will provide a unique research, graduate teaching, and innovation facility for the Niagara region.

Brock is one of the fastest-growing universities in Ontario. This growth, including the significant expansion of the University's graduate programs, has created a greater demand for institutional analysis and planning to support the University's strategic direction. Currently, Brock adopts a decentralized approach to institutional analysis and planning with resources housed in a variety of organizational units. The appointment of the Director, Institutional Analysis and Planning, is the first step towards a more integrated and strategic approach to this decentralized model.

For more information, including a full position profile and details regarding how to apply, visit the Career Opportunities (Administrative-Professional Staff) section of Brock's website at brocku.ca/hr. The competition will remain open until the position is filled. Review of applications will begin April 16, 2012.

#### Visit us at: brocku.ca/hr

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#### **PERINATOLOGIST**

Calgary Alberta, Canada

EFW Radiology (in Calgary, Alberta) invites applications for the position of Perinatologist in their Maternal-Fetal-Medicine practice.

The successful candidate will join four experienced Perinatologists providing consultative tertiary care for the obstetrical population in southern Alberta. Dur outpatient MFM clinics are located in Calgary which has a population of approximately 1.2 million people. The obstetrical population of Calgary has approximately 18,000 deliveries per year. The southern Alberta calchment area includes another 300,000 population.

The MFM group in EFW Radiology represents a successful and unique collaboration between EFW Radiology and Maternal-Fetal-Medicine. The MFM group provides the highest quality care as a tertiary consultative practice, including investigations and procedures focusing on prenatal consultation and ultrasound evaluation during pregnancy.

As a successful candidate, you will have established clinical credibility as a Perinatologist with demonstrated ability to work with a team, advanced interpersonal communication skills and a commitment to delivering innovative perinatal care. You will also support the academic mission of the Departments of Obstetics & Gynecology and Diagnostic linaging by demonstrating support for educational and research programs. This position is available on or before April 1, 2012. A successful candidate will be considered for clinical appointments in the Departments of Obstetics & Gynecology and Diagnostic Imaging.

Qualifications include an MD or equivalent, specialist certification in Obstetrics & Gynecology, eligibility for licensure in the Province of Alberta and completion of a recognized Fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine.

Please submit your curriculum vitae, a statement of introduction and interest and three references by March 31, 2012 to:

Dr. Gregory T. Connors Head, MFM Group, EFW Radiology Southern Alberta Centre for Maternal-Fetal Medicine Suite 100, 328D Hospital Drive NW Calgary, Alberta TZN 4N1 Canada

If you have any questions regarding this posting, please email Dr. Connors:

#### Greg. Connors@efwrad.com

In accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, priority will be given to Canadian citizens, and permanent residents of Canada. EFW Radiology respects, appreciates and encourages diversity.

We wish to express our appreciation to all applicants for their interest and effort in applying for this position and advise that only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

## Faculty Position in Social Work REFERENCE # VPA-SOWK-2011-001

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

Applications are invited for a tenure-track faculty position at the rank of assistant professor. Normally, the preferred candidate will have an MSW and a PhD in social work or a related discipline as well as social work experience. A completed earned doctorate is required for the appointee to receive the rank of Assistant Professor or above and to be in a tenure-track position. Candidates who are nearing completion of their doctorate may apply, and if successful, shall be appointed to a regular term, non-renewable three-year appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor. If the candidate completes all the requirements for the doctorate during the first 24 months of the term appointment, he/she shall begin a tenur-track appointment following completion of the requirements of the degree. Assets for the position include, but are not limited to demonstrated expertise in teaching social work, social work practice experience; an ability to work collaboratively with a wide range of communities; a publication record; and a clearly articulated program of future scholarship. Persons in all social work substantive areas are encouraged to apply, particularly those working on topics or with populations that are traditionally marginalized. Memorial's School of Social Work is committed to the University's goals of internationalization, as well as to its recognition of our special obligation to the people of Newfoundland and Labardon. This includes child welfare, community and rand development, gerontology, mental health and powerty. Areas of expertise of particular interest also include Aboriginal knowledge and practices, clinical group work, dis(Abilities) and immigration and/or refugee experiences.

Memorial's School of Social Work is committed to diversity, social fustice, and academic interrity. The School's

Memorial's School of Social Work is committed to diversity, social justice, and academic integrity. The School's programs prepare students for ethical, competent, innovative, and effective practice. The undergraduate curriculum is distinguished by its emphasis on general practice in urban, rural, and remote communities. Innovative full-time and part-time programs at the MSW and PhD levels prepare graduates for leadership in social work education, research, and practice in all its programs, including distance delivery, the School promotes astimulating and challenging learning environment that advances social work education, schoolsnip, research, community service, and professional practice. The BSW and MSW programs are accredited by the Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE). The School's mission, distinctive features, and leadership capacity is supported by a growing, diverse, and collegial faculty. Further information about the School of Social Work and Memorial University are available on our website. http://www.mun.ca/socwk/home/.

Memorial University is the largest university in Atlantic Canada. As the province's only university, Memorial plays an integral role in the educational and cultural life of Newfoundland and Labrador. Offering diverse undergraduate and graduate programs to approximately 18,000 students, Memorial provides a distinctive, stimulating, and fun environment for tearning. St. John's is a friendly city with great historic charm, and a vibrant cultural life. It is nested within striking landscapes and offers a wide range of outdoor activities.

Applications should include: (1) A letter of application; (2) A current curriculum vitae; (3) A statement outlining scholarly achievement, teaching excellence and research interests; (4) Evidence of content expertise and teaching effectiveness that may include sample course outlines and teaching evaluations; (5) A statement of teaching philosophy and interests; (6) Samples of scholarship or professional writing; and (7) Names and contact information of three current referees.

Applications will be addressed to:
Dr. Alean Al-Krenawi, Professor & Dean
School of Social Work, Memorial University of Newfoundland
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, ATC SS7
Tel: 709-864-8044 / Fax: 709-864-3503

Closing date for applications is April 1, 2012.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply, however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Memorial University is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from qualified women and men, visible minorities, Aboriginal people, and persons will flushibities.



National Defense
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Department of Defence Studies Royal Military College of Canada

The Department of Defence Studies of the Royal Military College of Canada, located in Toronto at the Canadian Forces College, invites applications for part-time DL instructors and project supervisors in support of the Canadian Forces Joint Command and Staff Programme. The subjects to be laught, in both French and English, include: leadership and ethics, command and management, military science, and operational planning. For information about these courses, please visits www.cfc.forces.gc.ca/248-eng.html

Applicants who have PhDs, Masters degrees or extensive professional expenience in any of the following degree areas, especially those who have significant experience directing and leaching professional military education, will be considered; political science, social sciences, behavioural sciences, political or economic history, war studies, military and strategic studies, defence studies, economics, and management.

While part-time employees are preferred, engagement on a personal services contract is possible. The salary compensation range is from \$3,500 to \$10,000 for each one-term churse.

The closing date for applications is 30 April 2012.

See <a href="http://www.rmc.ca/per/emp/index-eng.asp">http://www.rmc.ca/per/emp/index-eng.asp</a> for application procedures



#### Opportunités à temps partiel d'enseignement AD et de supervision

Département des études de la défense Collège militaire royal du Canada

Le Département des études de la défense du Collège militaire royal du Canada, au Collège des Forces canadiennes à Tornoto, invite les candidatures pour des instrucleurs à lemps partiel pour des cours à distance el pour la supervision des projets du Programme de commandement et d'état-major interarmées. Les cours à enseigner en français et en anglais incluent : le leadership et l'éthique, le commandement et la gestion, les schences milliaires et la planification opérationnelle. Pour de plus amples informations concemant ces cours, veuillez visiter : www.cfc.forces.gc.ca/243-fra.html

Les candidals ayant un doclorat, une maîtrise ou beaucoup d'expérience professionnelle dans un des domaines suivants, idealement de l'expérience comme dirigeant et instructeur en éducation militaire professionnel, seront considérés : les sciences politiques, les sciences sociales, les sciences du comportement, l'histoire politique et économique, les études de la défense, les études de la conduite de la guerre, les études militaires et stratégiques, l'économie et la gestion.

Les postes seront de préférence à temps partiel ou possiblement à contrat. Le niveau salarial ou de comps caracter de 10 000 \$ par cours d'un semestre.

La période de candidatures prend fin le 30 avril

Pour les informations concernant les demandes d'emploi, veuillez consulter http://www.cmrc.forces.gc.ca/per/emp/index-fra.esp

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#### **TIER 2 CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR** Medical Health Informatics

The University of Western Ontario (Western), one of Canada's leading research intensive universities, seeks applicants for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Medical Health Informatics. In accordance with the regulations set for Tier 2 Canada Research Chairs (www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca), the candidate will be an excellent emerging scientist who has demonstrated research creativity and innovation, and the potential to achieve intensional recognition in the field of medical health informatics within the next five to ten years. The Candidate must propose an original and innovative research program of high quality which would attract excellent trainees, students and future researchers.

Applicants must hold a Ph.D. (and/or an M.D., D.D.S) or equivalent. The successful candidate will be appointed in a tenure-track appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor, or at an Associate Professor level if qualifications and experience warrant. The appointment will be made to the appropriate department suitable to the candidate's back-ground and qualifications with an opportunity(s) for a cross-appointment(s) to an appropriate Clinical or Basic Sci-ence Department and/or affiliated research institutes.

The successful candidate will be expected to establish an independent, externally funded, research program. We seek candidates with a strong research record and expertise in medical health informatics. Researchers with exper-tise in the development and application of dalabases, electronic health records, and/or information systems to improve human health are encouraged to apply. The position will allow the candidate to lake a leadership role in med-ical health informatics, which has been identified as an emerging area of research strength at The University of Western Ontario.

With full time enrollment of about 32,000, Western graduates students from a range of academic and professional programs. Further information about The University of Western Onlario can be found at http://www.uwo.ca. Western's Recruitment & Retention Office is available to assist in the transition of successful applications and their families

Please send a detailed curriculum vilae, a brief description of current research program, accomplishments, and future plans, copies of representalive publication, and the names of three references to:

Associate Dean, Research, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry Suite 1240, 1st Floor, Robarts Research Institute
The University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario CANADA N6A 5C1

selection.committee@schulich.uwo.ca Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Review of applications will begin May 2012.

Positions are subject to budget approval. Applicants should have fluant written and oral communication skills in English. All qualified candidates are ancouraged to apply; however, Canadians and parmanent residents will be given pronty. The University of Western Ontario is committed to amployment aquity and welcomes applications from all qualified women and men, including visible minomitted, abordynal people and persons with disabilities.







#### **Director** SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

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Renison University College 240 Westmount Road North, Waterloo, Ontario, N2L 3G4

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For more information about the School of Social Work please visit our website at: http://www.renison.uwaterloo.ca/social-work/

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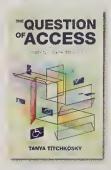
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## IN REVIEW

# The Question of Access Disability, Space, Meaning



Tanya Titchkosky. Toronto, ON: University of Toronto Press, 2011; 192 pp; IS8N: 978-1-44264-026-9, cloth \$55 CAO.

Reviewed by NANCY HANSEN

ANYA Titchkosky's fine new book is stimulating and worthy of note. In The Question of Acess he takes the reader on a refreshingly forthright journey through the physical and temporal landscape of the modern university. She examines how disability and impairment is understood (or not), within the academy. In the process the author turns the traditional, individualized, medicalized, problematic, understandings of disability and impairment on their head.

In six chapters Titchkosky, a disabled academic, questions the way in which the under-

lying philosophy of the academy determines how academic space is organized and prioritized for some and not for others. Similarly, how support is provided for some and not for others.

The author maintains that practices do not evolve in a vacuum and the perception of disability is culturally imbued. Consequently, how disability is understood has a direct impact on how it is framed and addressed. Disability is rarely conceived as a shared, regular or natural part of public space but rather a social anomaly.

The unexpectedness of disability in academic space is a reflection in the taken forgranted absences or rather its unimagined presence in the first place. Disability or impairment is not perceived as a natural fit in this space. Where disability is present in the academy it is largely presented as a private student concern. Disabled academic staff are often virtually absent from the cultural mindset.

This approach works to reproduce the privilege and power and value of the normal – however that is constructed — while further diminishing that of disability. Often perceived as a worst case scenario, the presence of disability in the academic setting is commonly characterized as unnatural or disruptive to the natural, established processes of academic space.

The personal costs to the individual involved in self-identification often weigh heavily. An essentialist approach to disability often reduces people to their conditions. A binary all-ornothing understanding of disability draws

a sharp line between who belongs in certain spaces and who does not. The dominance of the reductionism is further illustrated by a bureaucratic/legalistic approach to equity void of imagination and mired in forms and cost-benefit relations. The energy of administration is spent counting, meeting and planning as opposed to doing. Caught up in waiting for the right time or space quantitative elements remain paramount.

Surveys and questionnaires are endlessly repeated. These document the planning for progress and thereby maintain the status quo. Historical absences remain intact or at least minimally displaced. Titchkosky wonders whether such practices are exclusive or exclusionary, further objectifying the other.

She further relates how the university landscape often presents symbols of access (most commonly, the blue and white wheelchair images), as representing the possibility or concept of access rather than the substantive reality. A strange dualism of inaccessible/accessibility is seemingly ever-present, mitigated by a better than nothing philosophy. This is best illustrated when access is absent or wheelchair access signs are placed on inaccessible washroom doors.

Access remains contingent when the absence of disability is normalized and when disability is characterized as problematic rather than ordinary. People with disabilities are regularly expected to make do with physical accommodations that even with the best intentions may not work, or options that are very difficult and not fully thought through. The author maintains that disability issues are not truly present because they are rarely included in the dominant diversity discourse. Marginal accessibility reflects the understanding that the use of space is not yet universal and certain groups remain naturally, socially excluded or at best periodically included.

Titchkosky argues that in order for disability to move beyond a tentative presence in the academy its historical absence and dislocation must be questioned from the outset. What is known and understood about disability compels critical re-examination. Spaces of knowledge are slowly changing driven by rethinking the margins. People with disabilities are active agents in this process.

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The author believes that in much the same manner as women's and native studies, disability studies is questioning what is natural and who belongs, challenging the comfort of long established beliefs. The discipline is helping to create spaces for and means of dialogue. A textured understanding of disability is emerging. Interpretations are changing and disability is being rethought.

Through narratives of struggle and analyses of policy and everyday practices, *The Question of Access* presents a thoughtful, important perspective. The book is a much-needed resource with which to generate further discussion and positive change in and outside of the academy.

Nancy E. Hansen is director of the interdisciplinary master's program in disability studies at the University of Manitoba and a member of CAUT's academic staff with disabilities working group.

## **QUICK PICKS**



#### Leadership and Purpose A History of Wilfrid Laurier University

Andrew M. Thomson. Waterloo, ON: Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 2011; 183 pp; ISSN: 978-1-55458-432-1, paper \$29.95 CAD.

On October 30, 1911, a jubilant crowd of nearly 1,500 people gathered in their Sunday finest on the lawn of a large home on the rural outskirts of Waterloo, Ontario. They were there to mark the opening of the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada. With just four students and one full-time professor, the seminary was modest in size but it had the enthusiastic support of an entire com-

munity. Over the next 100 years this small religious school would evolve into a thriving public university with thousands of students passing through annually. In *Leadership and Purpose*, historian Andrew Thomson tells the remarkable story of the school's rise to national prominence.



#### Feminism for Real Deconstructing the Academic Industrial Complex of Feminism

Jessica Yee, ed. Ottawa, ON: Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, 2011; 176 pp; IS8N: 978-1-92688-849-1, paper \$15 CAD.

When feminism itself becomes its own form of oppression, what do we have to say about it? Western notions of polite discourse are not the norm for all of us, and just because we've got some new and hot language lately in equity-seeking movements like feminism such as "intersectionality" — to use in our talk, it doesn't necessarily make things change in our walk (i.e. actually being anti-racist). Confronting the sometimes uncomfortable questions feminism has made us ask about what's going on for real paved the many paths that brought the contributors of this book together to share their sometimes uncomfortable truths, not just about feminism, but about who they are and where they are coming from. Against a backdrop exposing a legacy of over 500 years of colonization and oppression, Feminism for Real explores what has led us to the existence of "feminism," who gets to decide what it is, and why. With stories that make the walls of academia come tumbling down, it deals head-on with the conflicts of what feminism means in theory as opposed to real life, the frustrations of try ing to relate to definitions of feminism that never fit no matter how much you try to change yourself to fit them, and the anger of changing a system while being in the system yourself.



#### Our Schools / Our Selves Instruments of Social Change

Erika Shaker, ed. Ottawa, ON: Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, 2011; 161 pp; ISSN: 0840-7339, paper \$15 CAD.

If schools are truly to be instruments of social change, how we can ensure that the change we build together is inclusive, empathetic, just and empowering; that it serves students, educators and communities; that it broadens horizons rather than narrowing them; and finally, that its 'strings' connect and engage rather than bind and limit? Instruments of Social Change examines how schools, students and educators are addressing these issues.